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WARNING LETTER

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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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Dear Dr. Daniel:

Facility I.D.#: 152918

A representative from the Commonwealth of Kentucky acting on behalf of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) inspected your facility on July 31, 2001. This inspection revealed a serious regulatory problem involving the mammography at your facility.

Under a United States Federal law, the Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA) of 1992, your facility must meet specific requirements for mammography. These requirements help protect the health of women by assuring that a facility can perform quality mammography. The inspection revealed the following Level 1 finding at your facility:

Quality Assurance – Equipment – Weekly Quality Control Tests -21 CFR 900.12(e)(2)

Your records revealed that your facility phantom quality control records for the two mammography units were missing for four (4) weeks. The MQSA regulation requires each mammography unit be evaluated by performing at least weekly the image quality evaluation test. The inspection found that your facility failed to perform this quality control test during the weeks of April 30-May 4, May 29-June 1, June 11-15 and June 25-29, 2001.

Because this condition may be symptomatic of serious underlying problem that could compromise the quality of mammography at your facility, this represents violation of the law which may result in FDA taking regulatory action without further notice to you. These actions include, but are not limited to, placing your facility under a Directed Plan of Correction, charging your facility for the cost of on-site monitoring, assessing civil money penalties up to \$10,000 for each failure to substantially comply with, or each day of failure to substantially comply with, MQSA standards, suspension or revocation of your facility's FDA certificate, or obtaining a court injunction against performing further mammography.

You must act on this matter immediately. Please explain the following elements to this office in writing within fifteen (15) working days from the date you received this letter:

- The specific steps you have taken to correct the violation noted in this letter; and
- Each step your facility is taking to prevent the recurrence of similar violation.

Please submit sample records that demonstrate proper record keeping procedures, if the finding relate to quality control or other records (Note: Patient names or identification should be deleted from any copies submitted).

Please submit your response to:

Mr. R. Terry Bolen MQSA Compliance Officer Food & Drug Administration 6751 Steger Drive Cincinnati, OH 45237-3097 FAX: 513-679-2772

Also, please send a copy to the State radiation control office:

Mr. James Barnes Commonwealth of Kentucky Radiation Control 275 East Main St. Frankfort, KY 40621

Finally, you should understand that there are many FDA requirements pertaining to mammography. This letter pertains only to findings of your inspection and does not necessarily address other obligations you have under the law. You may obtain general information about all of FDA's requirements for mammography facilities by contacting the Mammography Quality Assurance Program, Food and Drug Administration, P.O. Box 6057, Columbia, MD 21045-6057 (1-800-838-7715) or through the Internet at http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/mammography.

If you have more specific questions about mammography facility requirements, or about the content of this letter, please feel free to contact Mr. R. Terry Bolen at 513-679-2700, extension 138

Sincerely yours,

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